

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO  
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 407

BY MCCROSTIE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 34, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 34-409, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Online Voter Registration Act."

SECTION 2. That Chapter 4, Title 34, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 34-409, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

34-409. ONLINE REGISTRATION. (1) The office of the secretary of state shall create and maintain an online system for voter registration that is publicly available on its official website. Any elector who has a current valid driver's license or identification card issued pursuant to title 49, Idaho Code, may register by submitting a completed voter registration application electronically on such website. Online voter registration applications shall be in a form prescribed by the secretary of state, shall require the information under oath or affirmation set forth in section 34-411, Idaho Code, shall provide notice of the requirement to provide personal identification before voting at the polls as set forth in section 34-1113, Idaho Code, and shall require an online signature of the applicant. The secretary of state shall obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver's license or identification card signature from the Idaho transportation department. Online voter registration applications must be submitted before the close of registration as provided in section 34-408, Idaho Code.

(2) Upon receipt of a completed voter registration application and a digital copy of the applicant's driver's license or identification card signature from the Idaho transportation department, the secretary of state shall send the information to the county clerk for the county in which the applicant resides. The county clerk shall prepare and issue by first-class nonforwardable mail to each elector registering electronically a verification of registration containing the name and residence of the elector and the name or number of the precinct in which the elector resides. If a verification is returned undeliverable, then the county clerk shall remove the elector from the register of electors.

(3) An applicant using the online system for voter registration pursuant to this section shall not be required to complete a printed registration card.

(4) The secretary of state may use additional security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of an electronically submitted voter registration application.

1           SECTION 3. This act shall be in full force and effect on and after Jan-  
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